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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia REPORT NO. TOPIC Troops and Military Installations in Ruzomberok, Turc. Sv. Martin and 25X1AOstrava/Radvanice

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1. In April 1953, a unit of about 150 men, which was equipped with about 12 light, horse-drawn, short-barreled guns with rubber-tired wheels, left the barracks installation near the Ruzomberok (Q 50/C 99) railroad station. An army hospital was near the old paper factory in the southeastern sector of the city.¹
2. On 25 April 1953, about six armored vehicles whose guns had muzzle brakes were in the barracks installation about 1 km northwest of the Turc. Sv. Martin (Q 50/C 99) railroad station and west of the Turiec River directly beside a brewery. An industrial plant of several large shops with skylight roofs was across an asphalt road from the installation. Tanks were made or repaired in this plant, residents said in April 1953. The plant was served by a railroad spur across the Turiec River.²
3. In June 1953, while riding past the barracks installation in Ostrava/Radvanice (P 50/O 59) which bordered on a [redacted] source from the streetcar observed three guns with long elevated [redacted] mounts and a large number of trucks in the barracks area. At [redacted] all times, numerous motor vehicles were in the installation. The buildings of the installation were painted dark.³

25X1A 1. Comment. The army hospital in Ruzomberok is confirmed. A military academy is carried in the barracks installation. No previous report mentioned the animal-drawn artillery unit. 25X1X

25X1 2. Comment. A previous report mentioned the armored unit in this barracks installation which possibly belongs to the motor-transport officer candidate academy carried in T. Sv. Martin. [redacted]

25X1A 3. Comment. A previous report in September 1951 stated that elements of the 8th Inf Regt were in the barracks installation which apparently quarters an AAA unit.

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